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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO RAISE MINIMUM WAGE AND CUT SUBSIDIES

1. QUESTION OF SUBSIDY REDUCTIONS HAS SURFACED IN PUBLIC AFTER SOME 7 MONTHS OF SILENCE ON ISSUE BY GOE, FOLLOWING ILL-STARRED JANUARY ATTEMPT AT DECREASE. AUGUST 17 AL AHRAN "LEARNED" THAT MEETING OF TOP ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LEADERS WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL TO RAISE MINIMUM WAGE AND CUT COMMODITY SUBSIDIES. PROPOSAL REPORTEDLY CALLS FOR INCREASING LOWER LEVEL INCOMES BY 60 PERCENT, RAISING MINIMUM WAGE FROM LE12 (LE 1 EQUALS \$2,56 AT OFFICIAL RATE), \$1.43 AT PARALLEL) PER MONTH TO LE 18. CITIZENS WITH INCOMES UNDER LE 500 PER YEAR WOULD RECEIVE BONUS EQUIVALENT TO ONE-HALF MONTHLY SALARY FOUR TIMES A YEAR. PROPOSAL WOULD APPLY TO ALL WORK FORCE, INCLUDING SEASONAL WORKERS AND PENSIONERS.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, NECESSARY FUNDS WOULD BE OBTAINED BY CUTTING SELECTED COMMODITY SUBSIDIES, ESTIMATED IN PRESS ACCOUNT TO COST CURRENTLY LE 407 MILLION IN DIRECT TERMS; INDIRECT SUBSIDIES ARE SAID TO TOTAL ABOUT DOUBLE THAT FIGURE. SPECIFIC SUBSIDIES TO BE CUT NOT MENTIONED, BUT PRESS TAKES PAINS TO POINT OUT THAT BREAD WILL NOT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFFECTED.

3. COMMENT: LEGISLATION ON MINIMUM WAGE MONTHLY PAY RAISE FROM LE 12 TO LE 15 HAS BEENN LANGUISHING IN PA SINCE EARLY MARCH. LE 3 INCREMENT NOW PROPOSED, ACCORDING TO PRESS, IS EQUAL TO PER CAPITA COST OF PRESENT SUBSIDIES. EILTS

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